

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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COMPENSATION TO FARMERS FOR LOSSES DUE TO NATIONAL CALAMITIES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the administrative norms prevalent for paying compensation to the farmers for losses due to natural calamities and diseases;
- (b) whether the said norms are out dated;
- (c) if so, whether the Government propose to review the said norms; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): In addition to general relief for damage/losses in the wake of natural calamities, there is a provision for input subsidy to the farmers for crop losses in accordance with the norms and guidelines for relief assistance.

(b)to(d): An Expert Committee has been set up by the Government on the recommendations of the 11th Finance Commission for general review of the norms of assistance under Calamity Relief Fund.